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Both graduate students, Mr. S. Rizk and Mr. C. Bunto, are United States Citizens.

**Technical Report on DoD grant F49620-93-1-0325 to the University of Michigan on
S. Rizk.**

Steven Rizk is involved in continuing the work that was proposed under the AASERT program. He was brought into the program in the middle of the year as a replacement for Mr. Trevor Garner, who elected to continue his studies elsewhere. Mr. Rizk has been involved in a variety of work related to that proposed under the AASERT augmentation.

First, he has worked on developing the Vector Spherical Harmonic (VSH) model by including it in a WWW interface that can be accessed easily from any web browser. To do this he developed a web site on our local machine and adapted our existing graphics to work from the web site. This involved developing script files and altering the graphical interface.

Second, he developed a set of interfaces that enabled us to compare the VSH model with radar data. This development was designed to enable us to compare VSH results and General Circulation Model (GCM) results with actual measurements. It was intended to use these viewers as part of a real-time campaign, during which the model would be run using "nowcasts" of the appropriate geophysical inputs. The first such campaign was recently completed. The technique was successful, with the model being run for 3 days in conjunction with the Incoherent Scatter Radars at Søndrestrømfjord, Greenland, Millstone Hill, MA., and Kiruna, Norway. In addition simultaneous measurements were made using the SuperDarn radars at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Kapuskasing, Ontario and Goose Bay, Newfoundland and using the Riometer at Søndrestrømfjord, Greenland.

**Technical Report on DoD grant F49620-93-1-0325 to the University of Michigan on
Mr. C. Bunto.**

Mr. Bunto has addressed another aspect of the problem that was considered by Mr. Rizk. We have been concerned that the high latitude inputs used by the VSH model are not of sufficient accuracy to aid in the prediction of the thermospheric response to changing geophysical inputs. Thus we felt the need to include more accurate inputs to the original model runs, which could then be used to develop an improved VSH model which included such inputs as changes in IMF.

To this end Mr. Bunto has been developing a version of the NCAR-TIGCM that includes high latitude inputs from the IZMEM convection model. This latter model uses IMF measurements to obtain a prediction of the actual convection pattern that occurs at high latitudes. Mr. Bunto's job has been to adapt this empirical model to the numerical schemes used in the NCAR-TIGCM.